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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

CARTER

-- PRESIDENT CARTER'S NOTRE DAME SPEECH RECEIVED MAJOR ATTENTION IN MEDIA. MOST PAPERS CARRIED STRAIGHT WIRE SERVICE REPORTS MENTIONING CHINA PORTION. SOME ALSO CARRIED EXCERPTS WITHOUT CHINA PORTION. LEADING CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO; 400,000) CALLED SPEECH "MOST IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION" AND PRAISED CARTER'S "POLITICAL WISDOM" WHILE REGRETTING HE SAW U.S.-PRC RELATIONS AS CENTRAL ELEMENT U.S. GLOBAL POLICY. TAKING OPPOSITE TACK, INFLUENTIAL CHINA DAILY NEWS (CHUNG HUA JIH PAO; 140,000) EXPRESSED "PERPLEXITY AND BEWILDERMENT" OVER SPEECH. WHY FIGHT FIRE WITH WATER IF FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE DID NOT FAIL, PAPER ASKED, POINTING TO U.S. ACTION SUCH AS KOREA, BERLIN BLOCKADE, CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, ETC.

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U.S.-ROC RELATIONS

-- CHINA TIMES, MAY 22, REPORTED SPEECH BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIEN FU ON U.S.-ROC RELATIONS IN WHICH CHIEN REPORTEDLY SAID: (1) U.S.-ROC BOUND IN DEEP, TRADITIONAL

FRIENDSHIP WHICH NOT EASILY DISRUPTED SINCE THEY ASSOCIATED BY MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY AND "58 OTHER TREATIES," (2) FULL U.S.-PRC RELATIONSHIP IMPORBABLY BECAUSE OF WIDE GAP IN STRENGTH AND (3) PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT NOT SPECIFIYING WHICH CHINA "HELPED CLARIFY MISTAKEN IDEA" EVEN THOUGH IT IRRITATED PRC.

-- AFTERNOON DAILY INDEPENDENCE EVENING POST (TZU LI WAN PAO; 50,000) CARRIED TRANSLATED, ABRIDGED TEXT ROC PORTION OF STATE DEPARTMENT INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ABRIDGEMENT CONSISTED MAINLY IN DELETING FEW NEGATIVE PASSAGES BUT GENERALLY FAIR REFLECTION ORIGINAL REPORT.

IN FOLLOWING AGICLES, INDEPENDENCE EVENING POST QUOTED CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE, POLITICAL AND ACADEMIC FIGURES AS SAYING REPORT CONSIDERED FAIR.

11 POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTE FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY DISCUSSED BY PROFESSOR TU HENG-TSE IN UNITED DAILY NEWS. TU RECOMMENDED: (1) COLLECTIVE DEFENSE SYSTEM UNDER MULTILATERAL PACT FOR DEFENSE WESTERN PACIFIC; (2) STRONG U.S. FORCES ON TAIWAN WHICH COVERED BY U.S. NUCLEAR UMBRELLA AND (3) STRENGTHENED ROC ARMED FORCES.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:
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